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Burundi and Congo: draft resolution

Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 66/55 of 2 December 2011,

Recalling also the guidelines for general and complete disarmament adopted at its tenth special session, the first special session devoted to disarmament,

Bearing in mind the establishment by the Secretary-General on 28 May 1992 of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa, the purpose of which is to encourage arms limitation, disarmament, non-proliferation and development in the Central Africa subregion,

Reaffirming that the purpose of the Standing Advisory Committee is to conduct reconstruction and confidence-building activities in Central Africa among its member States, including through confidence-building and arms limitation measures,

Recalling the Sao Tome Declaration on a Central African Common Position on the Arms Trade Treaty, adopted by the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee on 16 March 2011 at their thirty-second ministerial meeting, held in Sao Tome from 12 to 16 March 2011,[1]

[1] See A/66/72-S/2011/225, annex.

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Taking note of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, held in New York from 2 to 27 July 2012, and taking note also of the Second United Nations Conference to Review the Progress in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held in New York from 27 August to 7 September 2012,

Convinced that the resources released by disarmament, including regional disarmament, can be devoted to economic and social development and to the protection of the environment for the benefit of all peoples, in particular those of developing countries,

Welcoming the declaration on a road map for counter-terrorism and non-proliferation of arms in Central Africa, adopted by the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee on 8 December 2011 at their thirty-third ministerial meeting, held in Bangui from 5 to 9 December 2011,[2]

Bearing in mind that the implementation of the road map should be compliant with relevant legal and administrative obligations, as set out in Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001, 1624 (2005) of 14 September 2005 and 1963 (2010) of 20 December 2010, as well as the four pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,

Considering the importance and effectiveness of confidence-building measures taken on the initiative and with the participation of all States concerned and taking into account the specific characteristics of each region, since such measures can contribute to regional stability and to international peace and security,

Convinced that development can be achieved only in a climate of peace, security and mutual confidence both within and among States,

Recalling the Brazzaville Declaration on Cooperation for Peace and Security in Central Africa,[3] the Bata Declaration for the Promotion of Lasting Democracy, Peace and Development in Central Africa[4] and the Yaoundé Declaration on Peace, Security and Stability in Central Africa,[5]

Bearing in mind resolutions 1196 (1998) and 1197 (1998), adopted by the Security Council on 16 and 18 September 1998, respectively, following its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,[6]

Emphasizing the need to strengthen the capacity for conflict prevention and peacekeeping in Africa,

Welcoming the close cooperation established between the United Nations regional Office for Central Africa and the Economic Community of Central African States, as well as the signing of a framework of cooperation agreement between the two entities on 3 May 2012,

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[2] A/67/72-S/2012/159, annex, attachment I.

[3] A/50/474, annex I.

[4] A/53/258-S/1998/763, annex II, appendix I.

[5] A/53/868-S/1999/303, annex II.

[6] A/52/871-S/1998/318.

Bearing in mind the increased focus of the Standing Advisory Committee on human security questions, such as trafficking in persons, especially women and children, as an important consideration for subregional peace, stability and conflict prevention,

Expressing concern about the increasing impact of cross-border criminality, in particular the activities of armed groups, such as the Lord's Resistance Army, and incidents of piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, on peace, security and development in Central Africa,

Considering the urgent need to prevent the possible movement of illicit weapons, mercenaries and combatants involved in conflicts in the Sahel and in neighbouring countries in the Central African subregion,

1. *Reaffirms its support* for efforts aimed at promoting confidence-building measures at the regional and subregional levels in order to ease tensions and conflicts in Central Africa and to further sustainable peace, stability and development in the subregion;

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of disarmament and arms limitation programmes in Central Africa carried out by the States of the subregion with the support of the United Nations, the African Union and other international partners;

3. *Welcomes* the steps taken by States members of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa to facilitate the early entry into force of the Central African Convention for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons, Their Ammunition and All Parts and Components That Can Be Used for Their Manufacture, Repair and Assembly (Kinshasa Convention),[7] and encourages States members of the Standing Advisory Committee and other interested States to provide financial support for the implementation of the Convention;

4. *Encourages* States members of the Standing Advisory Committee to implement the declaration on a road map for counter-terrorism and non-proliferation of arms in Central Africa,[2] and requests the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa, the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, and the international community to support those measures;

5. *Also encourages* the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee to carry out the programmes of activities adopted at their ministerial meetings;

6. *Appeals* to the international community to support the efforts undertaken by the States concerned to implement disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa, in collaboration with the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, to facilitate the efforts undertaken by the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee, in particular for their execution of the Implementation Plan

[7] See A/65/517-S/2010/534, annex.

for the Kinshasa Convention, as adopted on 19 November 2010 at their thirty-first ministerial meeting, held in Brazzaville from 15 to 19 November 2010;[8]

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to assist the countries of Central Africa in tackling the problems of refugees and displaced persons in their territories;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to provide their full assistance for the proper functioning of the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa;

10. *Reminds* the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee of the commitments they undertook at the adoption of the Declaration on the Trust Fund of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (Libreville Declaration) on 8 May 2009,[9] and invites those States members of the Committee that have not already done so to contribute to the Trust Fund;

11. *Urges* other Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support the activities of the Standing Advisory Committee effectively through voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund;

12. *Urges* the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee, in accordance with Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000, to strengthen the gender component of the various meetings of the Committee relating to disarmament and international security;

13. *Expresses its satisfaction* to the Secretary-General for his support to the Standing Advisory Committee, welcomes the role played by the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa since its opening, and strongly encourages the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee and international partners to support the work of the Office;

14. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Standing Advisory Committee towards addressing cross-border security threats in Central Africa, including activities of the Lord's Resistance Army, and acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea in the Gulf of Guinea, as well as the fallout from the situation in Libya and the crisis in Mali, and also welcomes the role of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa in coordinating those efforts, working closely with the Economic Community of Central African States, the African Union and all relevant regional and international partners;

15. *Expresses its satisfaction* to the Secretary-General for his support for the revitalization of the activities of the Standing Advisory Committee, and requests him to continue to provide the assistance needed to ensure the success of its regular biannual meetings;

16. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

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[8] See A/65/717-S/2011/53, annex.

[9] See A/64/85-S/2009/288, annex.

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session, under the item entitled "Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly", the sub-item entitled "Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa".

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General and complete disarmament: towards an arms trade treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms

Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

The arms trade treaty

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 4, 5 and 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to convene in New York from 18 to 28 March 2013 the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, to be governed by the rules of procedure adopted on 3 July 2012 and contained in document A/CONF.217/L.1, in order to finalize the elaboration of the Arms Trade Treaty, in an open and transparent manner, utilizing the modalities, applied mutatis mutandis, under which the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty of 2 to 27 July 2012 operated;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to undertake consultations for the nomination of the President-designate of the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty;

(c) Request the President-designate to undertake consultations on the basis of the draft text of the Arms Trade Treaty submitted by the President of the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty on 26 July 2012 contained in document A/CONF.217/CRP.1, prior to the Conference in 2013;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to render the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty all necessary assistance, including the provision of essential background information and relevant documents, bearing in

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mind those made available to the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty of 2 to 27 July 2012.

II. Relationship of the draft resolution to the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 and to the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

2. The activities referred to above relate to (a) programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) programme 3, Disarmament; and (c) subprogramme 4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and support services, of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6/Rev.1). They fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 4, Disarmament; and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. Pursuant to operative paragraphs 2 and 5 of draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11, the Office for Disarmament Affairs would provide the substantive services necessary to the convening of the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty in New York from 18 to 28 March 2013, and substantive and technical support for the consultations that would be undertaken by the President-designate of the Conference.

4. It is envisaged that the Conference will hold 18 meetings during the period from 18 to 28 March 2013, with interpretation in all six official languages of the United Nations and all necessary documentation provided.

IV. Modification of the programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013 and the biennial programme plan for 2012-2013

5. In order to reflect the provisions of the draft resolution, the narrative of section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 (A/66/6 (Sect. 4)) would be modified to amend the outputs already approved in respect of conventional arms issues. Subject to the decision of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session, that narrative will be incorporated into a revised version of the programme of work of section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. The required modifications are as follows:

Paragraph 4.39

Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)," add:

"(vii) Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty;

"a. Substantive servicing of meetings (18);

"b. Parliamentary documentation: final document of the Conference."

V. Estimated additional requirements

A. Non-conference-servicing requirements

6. It is estimated that the total amount of $134,200 would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 to: (a) cover the cost of the services and related travel of a consultant to provide technical and substantive support to the Office for Disarmament Affairs in connection with the preparations for and substantive servicing of the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty ($45,200); and (b) cover the travel of the President-designate of the Conference to undertake consultations and attend relevant meetings as part of the preparations for the Conference ($89,000).

B. Conference-servicing requirements

7. The adoption of draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11 and the convening of the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty would constitute an addition to the revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 2013, adopted by the Committee on Conferences. It is estimated that additional conference-servicing requirements of $429,600 would arise, including $380,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $49,000 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

8. The total estimated additional requirements are summarized in the table below:

	2013
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Interpretation	201 000
Pre-session documentation	59 900
In-session documentation	80 200
Post-session documentation	39 500
Subtotal	**380 600**
Section 4, Disarmament	
Consultant	45 200
Travel of President-designate of the Conference	89 000
Subtotal	**134 200**
Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services	
Support services requirements	49 000
Subtotal	**49 000**
Total	**563 800**

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2012-2013

9. No provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the additional activities requested in draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11. At this stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources in the amount of $563,800 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2012-2013.

VII. Contingency fund

10. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

VIII. Summary

11. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11, additional resources in the total amount of $563,800 would arise, including under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($380,600), section 4, Disarmament ($134,200), and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services ($49,000), of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. This amount would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require additional appropriation for the biennium 2012-2013 to be approved by the General Assembly.